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Forecast for Eastern Oregon, by the United States Weather Observer at Portland.

Snow tonight and Thursday; warmer tonight; brisk southerly winds.

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DARK FALLS IN CHICAGO; CITY IS UNDER PALL

Inky Blackness Settles Down in Middle of Day and all Lights Are Brought Into Use.

PRONOUNCED AS MIDNIGHT

Windy City For Second Time Within Month Experiences Queer Conditions—Clouds and Smoke Said to Be Responsible—Christmas Shoppers Fight Way Through Darkness.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Inky blackness settled over Chicago today. Christmas shoppers fought their way through the gloom which was as pronounced as midnight. This is the second time in a month that the phenomena has occurred.

The street lights twinkled through the darkness and automobile headlights flashed. Lake craft operated with the aid of search lights. All streets and office buildings were illuminated. The weather bureau attributed the darkness to the presence of high clouds and the fact that the low pressure in the atmosphere made the air stagnant. The absence of wind allowed the smoke and clouds to hang over the city.

ELLA FLAGG YOUNG GETS PLACE BACK

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Ella Flagg Young was voted back into the superintendency of the Chicago public schools after a stormy session of the board of education. Seven members refused to vote on the ground that the election of John D. Shoop, assistant superintendent under Mrs. Young, who had been elected her successor. Contention was made that the four new members of the board, named by Mayor Harrison to replace four whose resignations he had enforced, were not entitled to their seats.

The action of the board in removing Shoop and replacing Mrs. Young will at once be challenged in court, it was announced by the opposition.

The busy bee is all right in his way—but one should keep out of his way.

IS THERE A SANTA CLAUS?

Each year thousands of children the whole world over ask their parents what Santa Claus is going to bring them for Christmas. One little girl—she is a young woman grown now if she still lives—asked this question of the New York Sun and the reply appeared shortly afterwards in the editorial columns of that newspaper. And the reply has been considered of such importance as to warrant its appearance each year at Christmas-time in the columns of hundreds of newspapers throughout the country. If sentiment counts for anything, this piece of writing takes high rank among the sentimental writings of this and every other age. It was written on December 21, 1897, and in full is as follows:

We take pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is among the friends of The Sun:

"Dear Editor—I am 8 years old.

"Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus.

"Papa says 'If you see it in The Sun it's so.'

"Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?"

"VIRGINIA O'HANLON, 115 West Ninety-fifth St.

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the scepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's are little. In this great universe of ours man is a more insect than an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Virginias! There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this day's existence. We should have no enjoyment except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus? You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernatural beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all the world there is nothing else so real as that.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

PASSENGERS COLD, MAKE COMPLAINTS

Result of Holding First Section of No. 5 Gives Car Zero Temperature—Relief is Sought.

As a result of holding the first section of train No. 5 last Saturday at Huntington for 10 hours and allowing it to remain cold during that time and during the subsequent run to Umatilla, the O.-W. R. & N. Co. will probably be subjected to another investigation by the state railroad commission, the passengers on the train having entered a complaint.

When the company runs its trains in two sections, it has been in the habit of holding the first at Huntington in order to consolidate it with the second. This, it is said, led to the 10-hour delay at Huntington. The engine having been cut off, the steam supply was also cut with the result that the steam was condensed, filling the hose with water. When the train passed through Pendleton, it was still cold, according to those who boarded it.

When the train arrived at Umatilla on Sunday a committee of passengers sent a telegram to J. P. O'Brien, vice-president and general manager of the company enumerating their grievances and praying for relief.

"No heat; passengers suffering, women and children especially," says the message that went to Mr. O'Brien. "Train arrived at Huntington last evening on time. Held here 10 hours—11 hours from Huntington to Umatilla. Is it possible for you to give us any relief?"

While the train waited at Huntington the same committee framed a letter of protest to the state railroad commission, securing the signatures of nearly every passenger on board.

The following is the text of the complaint which was filed with the commission:

We, the undersigned, vigorously protest at the manner in which the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company handles passenger trains going west from Huntington, Oregon, to Portland, and request that the commission ascertain why the railroad company's patrons are continuously held up from one to 10 hours or more at Huntington without apparent cause. We further request that necessary steps be taken immediately to correct this imposition on the traveling public and that such rules and regulations be enforced that will compel the railroad company to move its trains out of Huntington reasonably on time.

The undersigned are passengers on train No. 5, section 1, Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company, and were held in Huntington Saturday night, December 20, 1913, for 10 hours and 10 minutes without reasonable cause.

SENATOR HELEN RING ROBINSON IN WASHINGTON



WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Helen Ring Robinson, senator in the legislature of Colorado, a banner state of woman suffrage, has been one of the principal figures in the national convention of the suffragists to impress the members of congress with the need of granting suffrage to women.

Mrs. Robinson and her friends in Colorado have won their fight, and personally they need not worry. For many years they have been placed on an equality with men so far as voting could accomplish that. She has been one of the impressive speakers before the convention, and should congress act favorably on the resolution for a constitutional amendment favoring woman suffrage, her friends will claim some of the glory for her.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS WILL BE GIVEN NEEDY BY LOCAL RELIEF ASSOCIATION

Little children in local homes where the spectre of poverty and misfortune hovers about the door will not go unremembered tomorrow if the good cheer division of the local relief association can succeed in finding all of those in need. It is being planned to leave a Christmas basket at each home that has been reported to the association as in need of aid and the association's Santa Claus work will also provide remembrances for the children of such families.

The association's chief work, however, is not in rendering Christmas cheer but in providing more substantial aid for families that are temporarily embarrassed through sickness, lack of employment or other reasons. Many pitiful cases have already been reported. In some instances there are women with numerous children to care for and the bare necessities of life are lacking. In other homes the husband will be sick and unable to work or else unable to find employment. It is the function of the association to give temporary aid to such families and to assist them in every way possible to obtain permanent relief.

In order to thoroughly canvass the town with a view to listing all who may be needy the town has been divided into 12 districts with a committee named to investigate and report on cases deserving action by the association. These district committees with the territory to be covered are as follows:

District No. 1—From the west line of the city to Maple street, and from the south line of the city to the river.

District No. 2—Maple to Star street and from the south line of the city to Railroad.

District No. 3—Star to Main street and from the south line to Railroad.

District No. 4—North of Umatilla river. Committee, Mrs. Gideon Brown, Mrs. Will Moore, W. E. Brock.

District No. 5—South line east of Main to College street and north to Webb. Committee, Mrs. Crockett, A. J. Owen and Mrs. Rowland.

District No. 6—College street east to Post, south line to Webb. Committee, Mrs. Beckwith, Mrs. John Baker, Mrs. J. H. Raley.

District No. 7—Post street east to Turk, from the south line of Webb. Committee, Mrs. William Scheer, Dr. Campbell, Mrs. Newberry.

District No. 8—East of Turk and from south line to the N. P. railway. Mrs. John Dyer, Sisters of St. Francis.

District No. 9—East line of city west to Lee street and from Webb to river. Committee, Mrs. D. B. Waffle, Mrs. R. O. Hawkes, Miss Grigsby.

District No. 10—Lee street to Main from Webb to river. Committee, Mrs. Frost, Mrs. Bradley, Mrs. Whitman.

District No. 11—Main to Ann and from Webb to river. Mrs. G. W. Rugg, Mrs. Ireland, Mrs. Beddow.

District No. 12—Ann to west line of city and from Webb to river. Committee, Mrs. Ed Anibal, Mrs. Frank Mytinger, August Guderian.

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District No. 2—Maple to Star street and from the south line of the city to Railroad. Committee, Mrs. Kim Morton, Mrs. M. Whitmore, Mrs. P. O. Elliot.

District No. 3—Star to Main street and from the south line to Railroad. Committee, Mrs. Terpenning, Mrs. Ed McReynolds, L. E. Penland.

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PRESIDENT IS ON WAY SOUTH FOR VACATION

While He Admits He is Completely Tired Out, He is Still Happy at Passage of Currency Bill.

RECEIVES CONGRATULATIONS

Telegrams From All Over the Country Await Him at Stations Along Route—He Expects to Name New Federal Reserve Board Before He Returns to White House.

ON BOARD PRESIDENT WILSON'S TRAIN, CHARLOTTE, N. C., Dec. 24.—President Wilson is enjoying a complete rest. He slept late, denying himself to all visitors at the few stops which the special train made. To his attendants he admitted he was all tired out but withal was very happy.

Dozens of messages were waiting for him at every station, from every section of the country, congratulating him over the passage of the currency measure. The president was unable to get away from job seekers and many telegrams received suggested men for membership in the new federal reserve board. The president expects to make up the personnel of the new branch of the government before he returns to Washington on January 13.

It was learned that one of the first men who will be tendered an appointment on this board is a Republican, Senator John Weeks of Massachusetts.

It was a dreary pre-Christmas day but the president enjoyed his respite from business and said that until the first of next week at least he proposed to take absolute rest.

WIRELESS CALL FOR HELP COMES FROM THE ARCTIC

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The first wireless call for help ever recorded from the Arctic circle came early today announcing that the Norwegian steamer Sagvold Jarl is ashore 600 miles north of Bergen. The message of distress went the rounds of the European wireless stations. The steamer's wireless was picked up at double her supposed radius.

RUCKER FAVORS RADIUM CURE FOR CANCER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Indorsement of a federal radium bank where cancer sufferers might receive expert treatment was given by Dr. Rucker of the public health service today.

"Any system which will lower the cost of radium and guard the poor sufferers against charlatans and spread the use and experimentation of radium is greatly to be desired," he said.

Charged With Murder.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—A formal charge of murder was lodged against John Bestick, the man suspected of holding up a Southern Pacific train and killing Passenger Agent Montague.

NEWS SUMMARY

General. President Wilson signs currency measure last evening and expresses his pleasure that the bill has been passed. The president's speech will be found on page 2.

Many poor people in Washington remembered by the president and Mrs. Wilson this Christmas.

Dark day in Chicago and all lights are brought into use.

Law makers leave the capital for the holiday recess.

Arrests made in Portland for violations of the blue sky law.

Companies in Missouri are fined an aggregate of \$436,000.

Wireless report for help is received from Arctic for first time in history of wireless telegraphy.

Plea is made for a pardon for D. H. Tolman, notorious loan shark.

President Wilson is on way to Mississippi to spend Christmas.

Local. Man, bitten by dog, asks for \$2,900 damages.

Jury panel for January term of court is drawn.

Last night is coldest of the year.

Snags taken with prisoner here causes much comment in Portland.

Returned college athletes will play high school team.

BLUE SKY LAW VIOLATED AND APPEALS MADE

Department of State Charges Against Three Men for Operating Company.

NO LICENSE WAS SECURED

Stock Was Sold Contrary to Law, Declares Commissioner Watson—Company Is Alleged to Have No Assets, Except Pending Patent on An Evaporation Machine.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 24.—J. H. Morton, A. E. Hammond and Robert Rae were arrested today charged with violation of the blue sky law.

Corporation Commissioner Watson alleged that Morton sold stock in the United States Deaqueter company without having first procured a license from the corporation department. Rae and Hammond are alleged to have been accessories to the sale by transferring the stock sold as officers in the company.

Corporation Examiner Vincent said the company had no assets except an application for a patent for a machine to evaporate fruit and fish and which is in an experiment station at Salem. Should the patent be denied, he said, the stockholders would be left with nothing for their investment.

BILL WOULD SUSPEND ACT FAVORING AMERICAN SHIPS

CONDITIONS NAMED UNDER WHICH PANAMA FREE TOLLS WOULD NOT OPERATE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—A joint resolution to conditionally suspend the operation of the provision of the Panama canal act, granting free passage to American coastwise vessels, was introduced by Chairman Adamson of Georgia, of the house commerce committee.

The suspension would be subject to the following conditions:

"At any time after the Panama canal shall have been opened and successfully operated for two years; if in the judgment of the president the revenues derived from tolls of vessels other than those engaged in the coast wise trade of the United States shall be sufficient to defray the cost of maintaining and operating the canal and the expense of government and sanitation of the canal zone and all diplomatic questions touching the treatment of vessels as to conditions or charges of traffic at the canal shall have been adjusted, then the president is authorized to issue an executive order declaring such extended exemption of full force and effect."

Representative Adamson introduced the resolution on his own responsibility and it will not go before congress as an administration measure. It was said in high official circles, however, that the silence of the administration did not mean that the proposed step was disapproved. Any declaration of policy on the subject of canal tolls has been avoided since President Wilson assumed office last March.

FILES DAMAGE SUIT FOR ATTACK MADE BY A DOG

Having been bitten by a "ferocious, vicious and mischievous" dog, alleged to have been owned by Frank Pedro August Ottke, a local tanner and truck gardener, today filed a suit for damages against Pedro for \$2,900. He has retained D. W. Bailey as counsel.

Ottke alleges that on July 5 of this year, the dog, which he claims has been accustomed to bite and attack mankind, attacked him as he was walking along the street, bit and bruised his leg, threw him down upon the concrete sidewalk and mauled him severely, all of which made him very sore and sick and caused him to suffer mental anguish and physical pain. For this anguish and pain, he asks \$250 damages. \$100 for physicians' fees, \$50 for medicine and \$2500 because the injuries have left him unfit to work at his trade as a tanner and at truck gardening at both of which he was earning \$100 a month.

At the present rate of increase it is predicted that 200,000 motorcycles will be in use in the united kingdom by the end of the year.

LAWMAKERS ON WAY TO HOMES FOR HOLIDAYS

Washington is Like Deserted Village After Adjournment of Both Houses Yesterday Afternoon.

CURRENCY BILL IS PASSED

Democratic Congressmen Gratiified With Outcome—National Affairs Will Now Be Quiet Until Sessions Reopen on January 12—Wilson On His Way South.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The "deserted village" had nothing on Washington today for after 10 months of grind on the currency and the tariff, the legislators have vanished, feeling much gratified with the passage of the currency measure which was completed last night and which the president signed shortly afterwards. All of the law makers have left for trips over the holidays to their respective homes. The president and his family are speeding to pass Christmas in Mississippi. An air of desertion, hung upon the capital and will continue until January 12, when congress reopens.

VON KLEIN BREAKS DOWN AT VERDICT

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 24.—After wearing a smile of confidence almost continuously since his arrest last spring, the apparent iron nerve of E. E. Von Klein, the bigamist and accused jewel swindler, broke yesterday, when a verdict of guilty was returned by the jury which has tried him on the charge of living polygamously with Miss Ethel Newcomb. A few minutes after the verdict was read by Clerk Sauve, Von Klein broke down, and it was 30 minutes before he had recovered sufficiently to be taken back to the county jail on the seventh floor of the court house.

After consultation with Attorney Hume, Judge Kavanaugh, before whom the trial was held, announced that sentence will be passed on Von Klein Friday morning at 10 o'clock, and 15 days will be allowed in which to file a motion for a new trial.

PLEA MADE FOR PARDON OF NOTORIOUS LOAN SHARK

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Former Senator Towne, attorney for D. H. Tolman, the notorious loan shark whose offices were maintained in a score of cities appeared before Governor Glynn today and urged that Tolman be pardoned.

Towne was accompanied by Mrs. Tolman and her son. In making the appeal Towne presented papers which were said to represent half of a million dollars in loans made by Tolman's firms. If a pardon was granted, Towne offered to burn the papers in the fireplace of the executive office. Glynn refused to permit this, saying that the application must follow the regular course. Tolman was sentenced last October to six months' imprisonment.

COUNT WINS WESTERN GIRL.

Daughter of Rich Colorado Miner to Wed Man From Belgium.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Dec. 24.—Mrs. Spencer Penrose announced the engagement of her daughter, Miss Gladys Villiers McMillan, to Count Paulcornel, of Brussels.

Spencer Penrose is one of the richest copper mine owners in the west.

CARNEGIE MAKES "PEACE" GIFTS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Andrew Carnegie, peace advocate, sent a "peaceful" Christmas gift to Secretary of War Garrison today.